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	Title	METHOD FOR DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES	

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment to the patent application identified above. Prior to examination of the subject application, please enter the following amendments to the specification and claims:

In the Specification:

On page 1, before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION", please insert the following:

--CROSS-REFERENCE

This application is a continuation application of Serial No. 09/385,796, filed August 30, 1999, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety and to which we claim priority under 35 USC §120.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel original claims 1-5 and add the following new claims 6-

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- 6: (New) A method for detecting nucleic acid sequences in two or more collections of nucleic acid molecules, the method comprising:
- (a) providing an array of modified polynucleotides bound to a solid surface, each said modified polynucleotide comprising a determinable nucleic acid;
 - (b) contacting the array of modified polynucleotides with a first collection of labeled nucleic acid comprising a sequence substantially complementary to a nucleic acid of said array, and